

# CHINA



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## AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOTOH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. PARIS AND EUROPE.—LEON DE ROSNY, 19, Rue Monsieur, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTOH, Melbourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Ports generally.—BLAN & BLACK, San Francisco. SINGAPORE AND STRAITS.—SAYLE & Co., Square, Singapore. C. HENNING & Co., Manila. CHINA.—SWATOW, CAMERON & Co., Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLS & Co., Foochow, HEDDER & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WILSON, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

## Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 650,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman.—H. HOFFMANN, Esq.  
Deputy Chairman.—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.  
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. WILHELM REINHOLD, Esq.  
W. H. FORBES, Esq. Ed. TOBIN, Esq.  
Hon. W. KESWICK. A. MOYER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.  
Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.  
Shanghai, EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.  
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

## HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.  
For Fixed Deposits:—  
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.  
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "  
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.  
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.  
Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.  
T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,  
No. 1, Queen's Road East,  
Hongkong, August 16, 1877.

## Entertainment

FUN WITHOUT VULGARITY.



THEY HAVE COME!

FROM ST. JAMES' HALL, PICCADILLY, LONDON.

## THE FAMOUS

MERRY MAKERS.

Under the Distinguished Patronage of His Excellency the Governor, JOHN POPE HENNESSY, O.M.G., &c.

Will give their First Performance at the THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, ON

THURSDAY,  
the 7th February.

ADMISSION, TWO DOLLARS.

Tickets to be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe8

## Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,  
On a Date hereafter to be named.  
The British Barque

"ALPHINGTON,"

of 826 Tons Register, or of about 8,000 piculs Carrying Capacity, with all her TACKLE, AFFAREL and INVENTORY.  
The Vessel was Built under Lloyd's special survey at Berwick-on-Tweed in 1866, Classed 12 years A. 1. at Lloyd's and continued in 1868 A. 1. for 8 years. She was Remotally owned by Felt in London in July, 1876.

Terms.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on fall of the hammer, the remainder upon Transfer being effected. The Vessel is at Purchaser's risk immediately after fall of hammer.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1877.

## For Sale.

LAMBERT, ATKINSON & CO.  
HAVE FOR SALE.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF  
AMERICAN COOKING & PARLOUR  
STOVES.

FRIENDS and FIRE IRONS.  
Superior California LAMBSWOOL  
BLANKETS.  
FAIRBANK'S SCALES, from 400 lb.  
to 2,500 lb.  
BRUSSELS and TAPESTRY CAR-  
PETS, various patterns.  
VELVET and TAPESTRY SOFA  
CARPETS and RUGS.  
DOOR MATS.  
HORSE BLANKETS.  
Central and Fire CARTRIDGE  
CASES.  
GUN-WADS, PERCUSSION CAPS.  
STATIONERY, of every description.  
BOOKS.

WORKS OF REFERENCE.  
NOVELS. SCHOOL BOOKS.  
SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

French APPLES, and LEMONS.  
SALMON BELLIES, in Kits.  
MACKEREL, TONGUES and SOUNDS.  
Family PIG PORK, and Prime Mess  
BEEF, in Kegs 25 lb. each.  
Caviare, SARDELLES, and Spiced  
ANCHOVIES.  
Prime American BACON, and HAMS.  
Cutting's JAMS and JELLIES Assorted.  
GRAHAM FLOUR, CORN MEAL,  
RYE MEAL, &c., &c.  
Canned Dessert FRUITS.  
Compressed CORNED BEEF, and  
BEEF TONGUES.  
PICKLED SALMON, in Quantities to  
suit Purchasers.  
CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S OIL MANS'  
STORES, of every kind; Fresh Supplies  
received by every Steamer.  
CLARET in Cask, (BANDOL), Superior  
Quality.  
BANCAY PERKIN'S PORTER, in Hogs-  
heads and Kilderkins.  
GUINNESS'S STOUT, Bottled by E. & J.  
BURKE, in Pints and Quarts.  
BASS' PALE ALE, Bottled by CAMERON  
and SAUNDERS, in Pints and Quarts.  
&c., &c., &c.  
Hongkong, January 3, 1878.

## Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Or-  
dinary Yearly MEETING of the  
SHAREHOLDERS in this CORPORATION  
will be held at the CITY HALL, Hong-  
kong, on THURSDAY, the Fourteenth  
day of February next, at Three o'clock  
p.m., for the purpose of receiving the Re-  
port of the Court of Directors, together  
with a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
December, 1877.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878. fe14

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the  
REGISTERS of SHARES of the  
CORPORATION will be CLOSED from the  
Fourth to the Fourteenth February next,  
(both days inclusive), during which period  
no transfer of Shares can be registered.  
By Order of the Court of Directors,  
THOMAS JACKSON,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 31, 1878. fe14

HONGKONG, CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the Rate of 3% or  
\$2.25 per SHARE, declared at the  
Ordinary Half-yearly Meeting of Share-  
holders held This Day, will be Payable at  
the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION on and after MONDAY, the 23rd  
Instant.

Shareholders are requested to apply at  
the Office of the Company for Warrants.  
By Order of the Board of Directors,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 23, 1878.

## NOTIFICATION.

A COPY of the JURY LIST for 1878,  
is posted at the Supreme Court  
House for inspection.  
Notice of any Inaccuracies, Omissions,  
Objections, &c., must be given to the  
Registrar of the Supreme Court on or  
before FRIDAY, the 15th day of February,  
A.D. 1878, in accordance with the pro-  
visions of Section 8 of Ordinance No. 11  
of 1864.  
It is further notified, that no person  
whose name is on the List as a Juror will  
be excused from Service on the ground of  
any exemption to which he may be entitled,  
or on the ground of any want of qualifica-  
tion, unless such exemption shall have been  
claimed and established, or such want of  
qualification shall have been duly proved,  
at or before the time above specified.  
O. B. PLUNKET,  
Registrar.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

## Intimations.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

RUSSIAN CIGARETTES.  
PERAMBULATORS.  
ICE PITCHERS.  
SADDLES, BRIDLES.  
WHIPS, SPURS.  
HORSE-BRUSHES.  
SADDLE CLOTHS, GIRTHS.  
LETT'S DIARIES (with Anglo-Chinese Calendar) for 1878.  
COIR MATS.  
SCARVES, } in the Newest Styles.  
SHIRTS, }  
COLLARS, }  
IRON and BRASS BEDSTEADS,  
HAVANA CIGARS.  
TAUCHNITZ NOVELS.

Hongkong, January 25, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

REGISTERED UNDER THE COM-  
PANIES' ORDINANCE 1865.

CAPITAL \$600,000, in 6,000 SHARES OF  
\$100 EACH (FULLY PAID UP).

Consulting Committee.  
W. H. FORBES, Esq. W. REINHOLD, Esq.  
F. D. SASSOON, Esq. LAI YUK SUN (of the  
E. R. BELLIOS, Esq. YOW LOONG HONG).

Manager.  
H. DICKIE, Esq.

General Agents.  
Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

Bankers.  
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING  
CORPORATION.

Solicitor.  
WM. H. BARRINGTON, Esq.

THIS Company has been formed for the  
purpose of acquiring from the present  
Proprietors the PROPERTY, INTEREST,  
and GOODWILL of the CHINA SUGAR  
REFINERY at East Point, which for the  
past five years has been managed  
under the direction of Messrs JARDINE,  
MATHESON and COMPANY, comprising the  
LAND and BUILDINGS occupied by the Re-  
finery, and the PLANT, MACHINERY, and  
STOCK-IN-TRADE therein, and of carrying  
on the Business of a Sugar Refinery in all  
its branches, for which complete facilities  
are now afforded not only in the Ground  
and Premises, Plant and Machinery referred  
to, but in the valuable Business and Con-  
nection possessed by the present Owners.

The above-mentioned Premises comprise,  
firstly, that PIECE OF GROUND,  
in Hongkong, registered in the Land Office  
as Marine Lot No. 231, with the Mes-  
suares and BUILDINGS thereon, known as  
the Mint Premises; and those adjoining  
PIECES OF GROUND, registered in the Land  
Office as Inland Lots Nos. 470, 471, 615,  
524, 565, and 748, with the Messuares and  
BUILDINGS thereon, adjoining the said  
Marine Lot, portions of the premises oc-  
cupied by the China Sugar Refinery, or  
belonging thereto, and the PLANT, MA-  
CHINERY, ENGINES, BOILERS, VACUUM  
PANS, FURNITURE, FITTINGS, and APPLI-  
ANCES therein, now used by the China  
Sugar Refinery; secondly, that PIECE OF  
PARCEL OF GROUND in Hongkong aforesaid,  
with the Messuares and BUILDINGS  
thereon, registered in the Land Office as  
Section A of Marine Lot No. 52, with the  
MESSUARES and BUILDINGS thereon, being  
the remainder of the Premises comprising  
the said Refinery; and, thirdly, the  
STOCK-IN-TRADE, EXTRA PLANT, MA-  
CHINERY, GOODS, and CHATTELS, which are  
or will be in and about the said Premises  
and belonging to the Owners on the 28th  
day of February next. All the described  
Premises have been agreed to be sold to  
the Company by contract in writing dated  
the 22nd day of January, 1878, made be-  
tween the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION of the first part,  
Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., of the  
second part, and the above-named Com-  
mittee for and on behalf of the Company  
of the third part; whereby it was agreed  
that without any further sanction or con-  
firmation of or by the Company or the  
Shareholders, the Premises firstly and  
secondly mentioned should be absolutely  
made over to the Company for the agree-  
gate sum of \$425,000, made up as follows:—  
—For the Premises firstly mentioned, the  
sum of \$300,000 to be paid to the first-  
mentioned party for the Premises second-  
ly mentioned, the sum of \$125,000 to be  
paid to the second-mentioned party. And  
as to the thirdly-named Premises, the price  
payable for the same to the first-named  
party, to be ascertained by a valuation to  
be made on the 28th day of February inst.,  
the value thereof being now roughly es-  
timated at \$100,000.

Mr. DICKIE, under whose able manage-  
ment the Works have been placed in their  
present efficient state, has offered his ser-  
vices to the Company as Manager, which  
have been accepted. Although it has been  
in contemplation for some years past to  
transfer the Property and Business of the  
present Proprietors to a Public Company,  
it was not thought prudent to do so until

by such an experience of the working of  
the Concern, as has been gained during  
the last three years, its future success  
should be assured.  
The present Proprietors are prepared to  
hand over the Property and Business to the  
Company in a state of complete efficiency  
on the first of March next, and arrange-  
ments are being made to commence full  
work on that date.

The Business of the Company will be  
conducted by Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON  
& Co., as General Agents, assisted by a  
Consulting Committee.

It is intended that the whole of the  
Capital shall be called up as follows:—  
—\$25 per Share on allotment, or within  
10 days thereafter.

\$75 per Share on 1st day of March,  
1878, or within 10 days thereafter.  
All Calls unpaid after these dates shall  
bear interest at 12 per cent. per annum.  
The surplus Capital after payment of the  
Purchase Money of the Property as above-  
mentioned, estimated at about \$75,000, will  
be available for working the Business of  
the Company.

One half of the Shares have already been  
subscribed; the remainder are offered to  
the public. Applications for Shares, which  
should be in the annexed Form, will be  
received by the General Agents, up to the  
20th day of February, 1878.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1878.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR SHARES ABOVE  
REFERRED TO.

Hongkong, — day of 1878.  
CHINA SUGAR REFINING COM-  
PANY, LIMITED.

To Messrs JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

GENTLEMEN,—I hereby request  
that you will allot to — Shares in  
the above Company, and agree to  
accept such Shares or any less number you  
may allot to — and agree to  
pay the first Call of Dollars Twenty-five  
per Share, within ten days after allotment,  
and also the subsequent Call of \$75, and  
to subscribe the Articles of Association  
whenever required to do so.  
Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

Blank Forms of Application for Shares  
may be had at the Office of the General  
Agents. fe21

A CARD.

DR. W. C. EASTLACK, DENTIST,  
can be Consulted at his Rooms,  
No. 1, Alexandra Terrace, daily from  
10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

Hongkong, February 5, 1878. mo5

DENTAL NOTICE.

DR. ROGERS begs to say that he has  
RETURNED, and is now ready to  
receive Patients.  
Hongkong, November 22, 1877.

DEVOS'S BRILLIANT  
OIL.  
RELIABLE,  
ECONOMICAL,  
SAFE!!

DESIRING to benefit by the world-  
wide reputation of our Oil, certain  
parties have attempted to imitate our pack-  
ages. Suits at law have been instituted  
against the MAKERS and PURCHASERS of  
these imitations. Buyers should be careful  
to see that the words "DEVOS'S BRIL-  
LIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the  
words "DEVOS MFG CO. PATENTS"  
are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOS MANUFACTURING Co.,  
80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets,  
[y11] NEW YORK, U.S.A.

## Intimations.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE NINTH ORDINARY MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS in the Com-  
pany will be held at the Company's Office,  
39, Queen's Road, Victoria, at Half-past  
2 o'clock in the Afternoon of FRIDAY, the  
15th February next, for the purpose of  
receiving a Statement of Accounts and the  
Report of the Directors for the year ending  
31st December, 1877.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 15th  
February, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 18, 1878. fe15

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of  
SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the  
Office of the Company, Club Chambers,  
on MONDAY, the 18th February, 1878,  
at 2 p.m., (instead of as previously ad-  
vised), for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the Directors, together with a  
Statement of Accounts to 31st December,  
1877; and for the election of Directors and  
Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 18th  
Instant, both days included.

By Order of the Board,  
D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe17

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ninth Ordinary Annual MEETING  
of SHAREHOLDERS in the above  
Company will be held at the Office of the  
Company, No. 7, Queen's Road, on MON-  
DAY, the 18th February next, at Three  
o'clock in the Afternoon, to receive a State-  
ment of Accounts for the Year 1877, the  
Report of the General Managers, and to  
elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co.,  
LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 4th to  
the 18th February next, both days in-  
cluded.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,  
General Managers,  
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE Co.,  
LIMITED.

Hongkong, January 26, 1878. fe18

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.

J. W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.

SAMUEL BOWDRE, Secretary.

A. A. HAYES, JR., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

Assets.....\$31,700,000  
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the  
above Company, are prepared to Accept  
Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon  
terms very favourable to the assured.  
For full information and particulars,  
apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

DODD & Co.'s ESTATE.

A FIRST DIVIDEND OF TWENTY  
Per Cent. will be paid at Amoy on  
the 20th Instant, at the Office of the Agents  
of the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AU-  
STRALIA & CHINA.

DEBTS not Proved before the 18th  
Instant will be excluded from the Divi-  
dend.

FRANCIS CHOMLEY,  
Trustee.

Amoy, 5th Feb., 1878. fe20

## Shipping.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.  
The Steamship

"DOUGLAS,"  
Captain G. D. PIERCE, will be de-  
spatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 7th Instant,  
at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe17

## Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SHANGHAI, HIOGO AND  
YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship  
"CALDERA,"  
Capt. WILLIAMS, will be de-  
spatched as above on SATUR-  
DAY, the 9th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. fe9

FOR PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE.

The Eastern and Australian  
Steam Navigation Company's Char-  
tered Steamship  
"NORMANBY,"  
will be despatched as above  
on or about the 20th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

## MONTHLY SERVICE.

TO PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,  
Taking Cargo and Passengers for all Aus-  
tralian and New Zealand Ports, TAS-  
MANIA, FIJI and NEW CALEDONIA.

The Australian Steam  
Navigation Company's Char-  
tered Steamship  
"BERTHA,"  
E. G. LANGLEY, Commander, will be de-  
spatched as above on SATURDAY, the  
23rd Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. fe28

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG VIA  
SUZEE CANAL.

The German Steamship  
"GALATHEA,"  
Böhm, Master, will be despatched  
as above towards the end of  
FEBRUARY, 1878.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
WM. POSTAU & Co.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 29, 1878.

FOR MANILA.

The Spanish Steamship  
"ZUTIZAN,"  
will have immediate despatch  
for the above Port.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
J. Y. Y. SHAW,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878.

## Sailing Vessels.

FOR SINGAPORE (DIRECT).

The 3/3 L. 1.1 Russian Ship  
"JALO,"  
O. F. MORENO, Commander,  
will sail about SATURDAY  
Next, 9th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to  
LANDSTEIN & Co.  
Hongkong, February 5, 1878. fe9

FOR LONDON.

The 100 A. 1 British Ship  
"BROOMFALL,"  
H. BARR, Master, will load  
here and have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
MEYER & Co.  
Hongkong, January 7, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The 1 British Ship  
"CITY OF HALIFAX,"  
EVANS, Master, will load here  
for the above Port, and will  
have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The 1 American Bark  
"B. F. WATSON,"  
HAWKINS, Master, will load here  
for the above Port, and will have  
immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 1 German Bark  
"NAGARA,"  
WISCHNUS, Master, will load  
for the above Port, and will  
have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 30, 1878.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The 1 British Bark  
"LADY BOWEN,"  
FOX, Master, will load for the  
above Port, and will have  
quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to  
VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.  
Hongkong, January 28, 1878.

FOR HAMBURG.



## Intimations.

**G. FALCONER & Co.,**  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND  
JEWELLERS.  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, August 20, 1877. f20

**W. BALL,**  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

**IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,  
DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET  
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDI-  
CINES AND PERFUMES.**

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,  
and Prompt Attention.

**PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,**  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 13, 1878.

## NOTICE.

**A. MILLAR & Co.,**  
PLUMBERS, AND GAS FITTERS,  
Queen's Road East,  
HONGKONG.  
September 15, 1877.

**AH YON,**  
SHIPS' COMPANION AND  
STEVEDORE,  
No. 57, Praya West.  
SHIPPING SUPPLIED WITH ALL KINDS OF  
COAL, WATER, BALLAST, FRESH  
PROVISIONS & OILMAN'S  
STORES  
Of the best quality and at the shortest notice.  
Hongkong, May 1, 1878.

**THE HONGKONG HOTEL.**  
TENDERS are invited for a LEASE of  
the HONGKONG HOTEL, the present  
five-yearly lease expires on the 31st  
August, 1878. SEVERAL TENDERS  
to be sent in on or before the 31st March,  
1878, to the Secretary of the HONGKONG  
HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, who will supply  
any information required.  
By Order of the Directors,  
**LOUIS HAUSCHILD,**  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, September 18, 1877. sp1

**KWONG HING CHEUNG & Co.,**  
COAL MERCHANTS,  
Have always on hand for Sale every  
description of COAL at Moderate Prices.  
Mr. ARYON has been appointed Manager,  
and all Orders addressed to him at 57,  
Praya, or to Mr. FAT JAC, at 30, King  
Lung Street, will receive immediate atten-  
tion.  
Hongkong, March 19, 1877. mcl9

## Notices of Firms.

**MR. HORATIO GAY JAMES** was  
admitted a Partner in our Firm on  
the 1st January, 1878.  
**GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 5, 1878.

**MR. H. F. MEYERHINK** has been  
admitted a Partner in our Firm  
from this date.  
**MEYER & Co.**  
Hongkong, January 1, 1878. ap2

**MR. CHARLES DAVID BOTTOMLEY**  
was admitted a PARTNER in our  
Firm on the 1st July, 1877.  
**DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.**  
Hongkong, September 22, 1877.

**I HAVE** This Day Established myself at  
this Port as a MERCHANT and COM-  
MISSION AGENT, under the Style or  
Firm of **GEO. R. STEVENS & Co.**, who  
will henceforward conduct the Agency of  
the AUSTRALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY.  
**G. R. STEVENS,**  
Hongkong, December 28, 1877.

**I HAVE** This Day Established myself  
at this Port as a GENERAL COM-  
MISSION AGENT.  
**J. Y. VERNON SHAW.**  
Hongkong, November 1, 1877. my1

**I HAVE** This Day Established myself at  
this Port under the Style or Firm of  
**WEST POINT IRON WORKS,  
ENGINEERS AND BOILERMAKERS,**  
by  
**WILLIAM DUNPHY & Co.,**  
Late Manager of the NOVELTY IRON WORKS,  
Hongkong.  
**WM. DUNPHY.**  
Hongkong, December 10, 1877. jcl0

## Not Responsible for Debts.

**Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for any  
Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew  
of the following Vessels, during their stay  
in Hongkong Harbour:**

**QUICKSTEP,** American barque, Captain  
BARNBY.—Captain.

**FABIAN,** German brig, Captain Kaemena.  
Melchers & Co.

**BRISTOL,** British barque, Captain  
HARRIS.—Order.

**BRISTOL,** British steamer, Captain  
FOX.—Captain.

**BRISTOL,** German barque, Captain Hun-  
dler & Co.

**BRISTOL,** British steamer, Capt. Clanchy.  
H. Clanchy & Co.

**BRISTOL,** British steamer, Captain D.  
Matheson & Co.

## Notices to Consignees.

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.**

**THE S. S. Argon** having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
are hereby requested to send their Bills of  
Lading for countersignature to the Under-  
signed, and to take immediate delivery of  
their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be at  
once landed and stored at Consignees' risk  
and expense.

**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. f28

**FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.**

**THE S. S. Caldera** having arrived from  
the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo  
are informed that their Goods are being  
landed at their risk into the Godowns of  
the Undersigned, whence and/or from the  
Wharf or Boats delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded to  
Shanghai and Japan, unless notice be given  
by Noon To-day.

Goods remaining undelivered after the  
11th instant will be subject to rent.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.**  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. f21

**FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND  
SINGAPORE.**

**THE S. S. Arratoon** having arrived  
from the above Ports, Consignees of  
Cargo are requested to send their Bills  
of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-  
signature, and to take immediate delivery  
of their Goods.

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and expense.

**DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. f21

**CONSIGNEES** of Cargo per Norwegian  
Bark **VEGA**, NORDSTEDT, Master,  
from HAMBURG, are requested to take  
immediate delivery of their Goods from  
alongside the Vessel.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be  
landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
**WM. PUSTAU & Co.,**  
Agents.  
Hongkong, January 8, 1878.

**O O A L.**

**BEST QUALITY CARDIFF STEAM  
COAL** for Sale, ex Godown.  
Apply to **BATTLES & Co.**  
Hongkong, December 8, 1877.

## To-day's Advertisements.

**THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY HALL.**  
PRIVATE AMATEUR THEATRICALS,  
IN AID OF THE

**CITY HALL.**

**MONDAY,**  
February 11th,  
will be repeated by special request the  
Comedy of  
"STILL WATERS RUN DEEP."

TICKETS may be had from any of the  
Committees, at Two DOLLARS each.  
No Tickets will be sold at the Doors.  
Committee:—Commander Sir WILLIAM  
WISMAN, Bart., R.N.; Captain MOORE  
LANE, 28th Regt.; JOHN M. FORBES, J.R.,  
Esq.; ATWELL COXON, Esq.; CHAS. C.  
COHEN, Esq.  
Hongkong, February 6, 1878. f212

**NOTICE.**  
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.**  
**PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.**

The Company's Steamship  
"TIBRE,"  
Comdt. DE GIRARD, will be  
despatched for YOKOHAMA  
on THURSDAY, the 7th instant, at 6 p.m.  
H. DU POUY,  
Agent.

**NOTICE.**  
**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
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**PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANÇAIS.**

The Company's Steamship  
"ALFA,"  
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## SHIPPING.

**ARRIVALS.**  
Feb. 6, 4 p.m. French steamer, 2177, M.  
Hernandez, from Calcutta, 30, Naples Jan.  
1, Port Said 6, Suez 7, Aden 13, Galle 22,  
Singapore 23, and Saigon Feb. 2. Mails  
and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

**DEPARTURES.**  
Feb. 6, Charles Mowbray, for Tientsin.  
6, H.M.S. Growler, for a cruise.

**CLEARED.**  
Danube, for Bangkok.  
Douglas, for Coast Ports.  
Zanzibar, for Saigon.  
Tener, for Shanghai.  
Tutuila, for Caroline Group (Pacific Isl's).

**PASSENGERS.**  
**ARRIVED.**  
Per *Ava*, for Hongkong: from Marseilles,  
Messrs. Toller, Carbonnier, Mollé, Tester,  
Fraser, and Smart; from Galle, Mr.  
Thomas; from Singapore, Messrs. Dauvagne  
and R. H. S. John; from Saigon, Sisters  
Françoise de Sales and Marthe; Mr. R. P.  
Teaurie, and 11 Chinese. For Shanghai:  
from Naples, Miss Malvina Ellen. For  
Yokohama: from Marseilles, Messrs. le Cio,  
de Diebach, Drunka, child and servant,  
Dresser, and Scott; from Suez, Mr. Gut-  
sow; from Singapore, Sisters Ste. Ma-  
thilde and Ste. Françoise.

**SHIPPING REPORTS.**  
**None.**

**CARGO.**  
Per S. S. *Achille*, Hongkong to London,  
sailed 29th January, 1878.—15,373 lbs.  
Cotton, 56,700 lbs. So. Opier, 75 pkgs.  
Silk Piece Goods, 1,275 pkgs. Matting, and  
477 pkgs. Sundries.

**POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.**  
**MAILS will close:—**  
For MANILA.—  
Per *Emmy*, at 4.30 p.m., on Thursday,  
the 7th inst.

For YOKOHAMA.—  
Per *Tibre*, at 5 p.m. To-morrow, the 7th  
inst.

For SHANGHAI.—  
Per *Ava*, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 8th  
inst. Late letters received from 10.10  
to 10.30, with 18 cents late fee.

For SHANGHAI, HIOGO AND YOKO-  
HAMA.—  
Per *Caldera*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the  
8th inst.

For PORT DARWIN, COOKTOWN,  
SYDNEY, AND MELBOURNE.—  
Per *Bertha*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday,  
the 23rd inst. Private ship rates.  
Correspondence for New Zealand,  
Tasmania, and Adelaide can be sent.

For SAIGON.—  
Per *Finistère*, is postponed till further  
notice.

Correspondence for Port Darwin, Sydney,  
Melbourne, and Adelaide (or other ports of  
Australia, New Zealand, or Tasmania) can  
be forwarded to-morrow via *Batavia* by  
French Packet, to connect with the Batavia  
Packet to Port Darwin &c. Registry  
closes at 10. The Mails will be finally  
closed at 11.

For ports south of Sydney this route  
offers little or no advantage; correspond-  
ence will probably arrive sooner if sent by  
French Packet of the 21st via Galle.

**MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKER.—**  
The French Contract Packet *Sindh* will  
be despatched from Hongkong on  
THURSDAY, the 7th instant, with  
Mails to and through the United  
Kingdom and Europe, via  
Marseilles to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia,  
Galle, Pondicherry, Madras,  
Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and  
Alexandria.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—  
Wednesday, 6th Feb.—  
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes. Post  
Office closes except the Night Box,  
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 7th Feb.—  
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.  
10 a.m. Registry of Letters ceases.  
11 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters.

11.10 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)  
may be posted on payment of a  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage,  
until  
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.  
Hongkong, January 24, 1878. f27

**MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKER.—**  
The English Contract Packet *Mongolia*  
will be despatched with the Mails for  
Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the  
14th instant.

The following will be the hours of closing  
the Mails, &c.:—  
Wednesday, 13th instant.—  
5 p.m. Money Order Office closes.  
6 p.m. Post Office closes except the Night  
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 14th instant.—  
7 a.m. Post Office opens for sale of  
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and  
Posting of all correspondence.  
10 a.m. Post Office closes except for Late  
Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m. Letters may be posted with  
Late Fee of 18 cents extra  
postage till  
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes  
entirely.

11.30 a.m. Letters (but Letters only)  
addressed to the United Kingdom  
via *Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may  
be posted on board the Packet with  
Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage,  
till  
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally  
closed.

Hongkong, February 4, 1878. f24

## MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

**Shipping.**  
Daylight.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Ports.  
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of  
Call and Europe.  
6 p.m.—*Tibre* leaves for Yokohama.

**Amusement.**  
Merry Makers' Entertainment at the  
City Hall.

**General Memoranda.**  
FRIDAY, February 8:—  
11 a.m.—*Ava* leaves for Shanghai.  
SATURDAY, February 9:—  
Daylight.—*Caldera* leaves for Shang-  
hai, &c.  
Jalo leaves for Singapore on or about  
this date.

MONDAY, February 11:—  
9 p.m.—Amateur Theatrical Performance  
at the City Hall.  
Goods per *Caldera* undelivered after this  
date subject to rent.

WEDNESDAY, February 13:—  
Goods per *Ava* undelivered after Noon,  
subject to rent and landing charges.

THURSDAY, February 14:—  
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports  
of Call and Europe.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Cor-  
poration at the City Hall.

FRIDAY, February 15:—  
2.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of  
The China Fire Insurance Co., Limited,  
at No. 39, Queen's Road.  
Claims against the Estate of Dodd  
& Co., must be proved on or before  
this date.

MONDAY, February 18:—  
2 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.,  
Limited, at Club Chambers.  
3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The  
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited,  
at No. 7, Queen's Road.

WEDNESDAY, February 20:—  
Normanby leaves for Port Darwin, &c.  
SATURDAY, February 23:—  
Noon.—*Bertha* leaves for Port Darwin, &c.

FRIDAY, March 1:—  
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s  
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San  
Francisco on or about this date.

**THE  
HONGKONG DISPENSARY.**  
Established A.D. 1841.  
香港大藥房

**A. S. WATSON & Co.,**  
FAMILY & DISPENSING CHEMISTS,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,  
IMPORTERS  
OF  
DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, NURSERY REQUI-  
SITES, TOILET REQUISITES, ENGLISH,  
AMERICAN, AND FRENCH PATENT  
MEDICINES.

**MANUFACTURERS  
OF  
Soda Water, Lemonade, Tonic Water,  
Gingerade, Potass Water, Sarsaparilla  
Water, and other Aerated Waters.**

The Manufactory is under direct and  
continuous European Supervision.  
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

The publication of this issue commenced  
at 7.55 p.m.

**BIRTH.**  
On the 4th instant, Mrs. LOUIS HAUS-  
CHILD, of a Son.

**THE CHINA MAIL.**  
HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6, 1878.

THE Opium clause in the Chefoo Con-  
vention, to which we alluded a few days  
ago, does not by any means include the  
whole of the objectionable portions of  
that document. Article 28 of the Treaty  
of Tientsin provides:—

"Whereas it was agreed in Article X of  
the Treaty of Nanking, that British imports,  
having paid the tariff duties should be  
conveyed into the interior free of all fur-  
ther charges, except a transit duty, the  
amount whereof was not to exceed a cer-  
tain per-centage on tariff value, and where-  
as, no accurate information having been  
furnished of the amount of such duty,  
British merchants have constantly com-  
plained that charges are suddenly and  
arbitrarily imposed by the provincial au-  
thorities as transit duties upon produce on  
its way to the foreign market, and on im-  
ports on their way into the interior, to the  
detriment of trade . . . it shall be at the  
option of any British subject, desiring to  
convey produce purchased inland to a port,  
or to convey imports from a port to an in-  
land market, to clear his goods of all transit  
duties by the payment of a single charge.  
The amount of this charge shall be leviable  
on exports at the first barrier they may  
have to pass, or on imports at the port at  
which they are landed; and, on payment  
thereof, a certificate shall be issued which  
shall exempt the goods from all further  
inland charges whatever."

Another section provides that this  
commutation of the inland transit dues  
shall be fixed at one half of the Tariff  
duty, collected at the ports by the For-  
eign Customs Staff. Now the Chinese  
authorities were induced by the indefinite  
wording of this Article to draw a distinction  
between foreign goods the property  
of British subjects, and goods which,  
though of foreign origin, had passed  
into the hands of Chinese, and the whole  
inland trade being practically under  
native control, the transit clauses of the

Treaty became thus for a lengthened  
period nearly a dead letter. That the  
Chinese authorities were not justified in  
drawing this distinction, so far at least  
as foreign imports are concerned, is pretty  
clearly evidenced by the wording of the  
Article in the Treaty of Nanking, referred  
to in the Article just quoted from the  
Tientsin Treaty. This Article enacts  
that "when British merchandise shall  
have once paid at any of the said ports  
the regulated customs and dues agreeable  
to the Tariff to be hereafter fixed, such  
merchandise may be conveyed by Chinese  
merchants to any province or city in the  
interior of the Empire of China, on paying  
a further amount as transit dues, which  
shall not exceed . . . per cent. on the  
Tariff value of such goods." Sir Thomas  
Wade in the 4th Article of the Chefoo Con-  
vention establishes this right of the free  
transit of foreign imports, by whomsoever  
owned, after the payment of the com-  
mutation charge, in the words, "that so  
far as imports are concerned the nation-  
ality of the persons possessing and carry-  
ing these imports is immaterial," but in  
the 1st clause of the same section words  
are introduced which may be interpreted  
to mean the contrary and to give per-  
mission to any local mandarin to impose  
whatever tax he likes upon British goods  
the moment they have passed beyond the  
limits of the treaty ports, or become the  
property of natives. The clause reads:  
"With reference to the area within  
which, according to the treaties in force,  
lekin ought not to be collected on foreign  
goods at the open ports, Sir Thomas  
Wade agrees to move his Government to  
allow the ground rented by foreigners  
(the so-called concessions) at the different  
ports to be regarded as the area of  
exemption from lekin." Now *lekin* is  
the name under which most of these  
illegal exactions complained of are levied,  
and by a negative process of reasoning  
it might be deduced from the clause in  
question that the right is conceded to the  
Chinese to levy *lekin* on foreign goods,  
elsewhere than within the limits of the  
foreign Settlements. The London repre-  
sentatives of the Shanghai Chamber of  
Commerce, in their memorial to Lord  
Derby with reference to the Convention,  
point out another objection to the clause.  
They say—

The effect of the proposed provision  
would be to impose this tax with all the  
authority of a special Treaty at every open  
port in China. The small patches of ground  
in the occupation of foreign merchants  
would not escape; so that goods designed  
for consumption in the immediate district  
could only be freed from the tax (*lekin*)  
by the payment of the extra half-duty as  
commutation dues, if, indeed, the Chinese  
officials, whose rapacity is notorious, would  
not find means to levy the *lekin* after all,  
even when the commuted rate has been paid.  
The result of this would be to reintroduce  
the nationality question in a most objec-  
tionable shape, and lay the foundation for  
endless disputes.

Past experience of the Chinese autho-  
rities can lead to no other conclusion  
than that they would, if practicable, take  
advantage of this indefinite wording, the  
result being that the disputes and  
difficulties, which hitherto have been so  
frequent, would be perpetuated. There  
is no reason why the Convention  
should not state clearly what is in-  
tended, and that it be plainly declared (1)  
that imported goods shall be liable to no  
other duty at the Treaty ports than to  
the regular import duty, and that the  
certificate of the payment of the com-  
muted transit dues shall free them  
from all further inland charges, taxes, or  
*lekin*, whatsoever; (2) that the nationality  
of the person possessing or carrying such  
certificated goods shall be immaterial.

**REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.**  
[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."] (By Southern Route.)

London, 3rd Feb., 1878.  
The preliminary protocol of the arma-  
tion has been signed, and there is a suspen-  
sion of hostilities.

Russia has agreed to Austria's proposal  
for a European Conference.

London, 5th Feb., 1878.  
Austria has invited the Signatory Powers  
to a Conference at Vienna.

Mr. Gladstone in the House of Commons  
suggested that instead of a grant of  
£5,000,000, an address to the Crown, giv-  
ing the assurance of the nation's united  
support should be made.

Mr. Gathorne Hardy insisted on the  
grant.

There is nothing of interest from the east  
of war.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The delivery of the French mail was begun  
at 8.35 this afternoon.

The *Lombardy*, with the next English mail,  
left Singapore for Hongkong at 4 p.m.  
yesterday.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs  
Jardine, Matheson & Co.) that the S. S.  
*Glenroy* left Singapore for this port yester-  
day.

We hear that the Governor has definitely  
refused a license to the *Charter Oak* to  
proceed to Honolulu with Chinese pas-  
sengers.

We understand that H. E. the Governor  
will pay a formal visit to the Tung Wah  
Hospital on Friday next.

Two Merry-Makers will only give but two  
entertainments at the City Hall, the first  
to-morrow, and the last on Saturday next,  
the Company leaving by the Opium steam-  
ers.

It will be seen from an advertisement in  
another column that the Amateur Dramatic  
performance of "Still Waters Run Deep"  
will be repeated on Monday next on  
behalf of the funds of the City Hall. The  
object is one thoroughly deserving support.

News has been received from Yokohama of  
the total loss of the American ship *Mid-  
night*, Captain Tucker, somewhere near  
the coast of Japan. The vessel was bound  
from New York to Yokohama, with a cargo  
of kerosene oil.

The following vessels are at the Kowloon  
Dock of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock  
Company—steamships *Amoy*, *Kinshan*, *Sin  
Nanang*, *Emeralda*, *Butuan*; sailing vessels  
*Sully*



## THE NAVAL BALL AT THE CITY HALL.

The Ball given by Admiral Hillyar and the Officers of H. M.'s ships in Harbour, which came off in the City Hall last night, proved to be one of the most successful assemblies of the season. When our Naval friends resolve upon doing a thing, they generally do it with a will; and the fête of last night formed no exception to this happy rule. Invitations were issued for nearly four hundred guests, and as nearly all accepted, the ball was the largest that we have ever seen in Hongkong, except the famous Maudslayi assembly of '74. The Ball-room was so full that some difficulty was at times experienced with the round dances. Among those present were:—H. E. Mr. and Mrs. Hennessey, Admiral Hillyar, Lady Smale, Colonel Bassano, Colonel and Mrs. Hall, Colonel and Mrs. Sherintown, Colonels Dickson, Stuart, and Jago, Com. General Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Snowden, Mr. and Mrs. Phillipps, Mr. Douglas (Resident of Salangore), Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Lowcock, Mrs. Keswick, Mr. P. Ryrie, H. E. Mr. D'Espina, and Mr. Creagh, A.D.C. Nearly all of the Consular officers of the various nationalities represented in Hongkong were also present, together with officers of the U. S. Tennessee, H. M. Tamar, and Jap. gunboat Seiki; the officers of the 28th Regt. and the 74th Regt.; together with other officers of the various military departments, and nearly all the leading residents, as well as many visitors. Among those who were unable to accept the invitations sent were:—H. E. the Governor of Macao, Sir Brooke Robertson, Sir John Smale, Hon. J. Gardner Austin, Hon. J. M. Price, Bishop Rainaldi, Admirals Patterson and Viron, Archdeacon and Mrs. Gray, British Consular Officers at Canton, and many residents at that port, as well as the Officers of the Garrison at Macao. The following are the names of the Stewards:—Comm. J. Watson; Captains Napier and Church; Commanders Sir W. Wiseman, Bruce, Wilcox, Farr, and Castle; Staff Commanders Johnston and Dixon, Lieutenants Paul, Tudor, Shore, Annesley, Needham, Forsyth, Willoughby, and Horrocks (R. M.); Dep. Insp. General Wells, Staff Surgeon Bolster; and Messrs Bremner, Parish, Robinson, Robb, Jorey, and Barry.

The decorations were very effective and elicited general admiration. They were of course characteristic and appropriate to the occasion. In the lower hall was placed a field gun on each side of the foot of the staircase, while the pillars were festooned with evergreens. On the first landing things began decidedly to "suffer a sea-change," and became pre-eminently naval in their appearance. Fifty Blue Jackets lined the staircase. In the centre of the landing stood a galleon-gun, trim and bright as this deadly engine can be made, while, on either flank lay piled shot, and a 7-pounder boat-gun; and, as if in silent charge of this armament, stood two inflated diving-dresses, like Gog and Magog, but with very hollow eyes and a somewhat more uninteresting expression than the metropolitan giants. The central device on the wall at the main landing was very effective, though not so elaborate as that erected for the last St. Andrew's Ball. It consisted of a large anchor and big gun, crossed with cutlasses and rifle, with shield and Union Jack, surmounted with the naval crown; then the Royal Standard, the red and white ensigns and admiral's and commodore's flags, surmounted again by the Marine badge (consisting of the globe, and motto *Per mare per terram*). Thus all the various branches of the service were suitably and symbolically represented in this grand trophy. Around the walls of the staircase were placed four stars made of cleaning rods, showing in the centre respectively the Star of India, the Order of the Thistle, Order of the Garter, and the Order of St. Patrick; and the gaps remaining were filled up with crossed rifles and sword-bayonets, evergreens and flowers. In the Ball-room were encircled the side-lights, formed with bayonets and cleaning rods, about a couple of thousand of which were thus made use of. Flags draped from the top of the doors, and crossed boarding-pikes and a small flag surmounted each; while the centre doors on each side were festooned with foreign ensigns, including the yellow dragon; and small fountains of rose-water were supposed to trickle a continuous stream of fragrance in the upper corners of the room. At each corner of the front verandah was a very prettily arranged grotto, wherein a fountain played, and rocks and greenery shone out in colours in a most fairy-like style. This feature was much admired by every one, and reflected much credit on the Decoration Committee. Coloured lights and a Chinese lanterns completed the general effect of the verandah decorations. In the tea-room and the Buffet outcases, cleaning rods and boarding-pikes seemed to meet the eye in pleasant forms—crowns, or stars at every turn; and a lovely little rose-water fountain, with silver swans, (in the former room), encircled with camelias, was another object of attraction. The decoration of the supper-room was neat though simple, consisting of flags and crossed boarding-pikes, varied with crossed side-lights. Altogether the decorations formed one of the most successful features of the Ball, and the Committee deserve great credit for their work. The Decoration Committee consisted of:—Lieut. B. Needham, Victor Emanuel; Lieut. W. C. Forsyth, late Fly; and Lieut. Hon. H. N. Shore, late Lapwing. These were assisted by Mr. Cullmann, boatswain of the *Victor Emanuel*, and working parties from the *Audacious* and the *Commodore's* flag-ship.

By a very sensible arrangement of the supper tables and the happy expedient of giving extra dances during supper, the struggling, scrambling and rushing to and fro so common at supper time on such occasions were entirely avoided; and the smoothness and success of the entertainment was thereby considerably increased. Dances were kept up until a late hour; and every one appeared to think that the naval ball was, as we have suggested, one of the most successful and certainly the largest social assembly of the season.

## ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The Messageries Maritimes Company's steamer *Arctique*, Captain Hernandez, with the London mail of the 28th December, arrived here this afternoon.

## TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.)

London, Jan. 24.—Sir Stafford Northcote has given notice that he intends to bring forward a motion in the House of Commons on the 28th January, asking for a supplementary vote on account of the Army and Navy estimates.

London, Jan. 20.—Sir Stafford Northcote, Chancellor of the Exchequer, states that the Mediterranean Squadron has been ordered to enter the Dardanelles, solely for the purpose of keeping the "Waterway" and to protect "British interests." When the "peace conditions" are known, the British Squadron will be ordered to stay at the entry of the Dardanelles, granting that it is required, but it is not contemplated.

The Porte is pledged to conceal the actual conditions of peace until the treaty of peace has been concluded between his Government and that of Russia.

London, Jan. 27.—The Earl of Derby, it is announced, will retain office, provisionally.

The Porte is not informed of the signature of an Armistice up to the present moment. The conditions of peace which have been confidentially communicated to the Turkish Parliament are not to be revealed, otherwise the Russian Head Quarters will continue advancing.

The British Fleet entered the Dardanelles, and withdrew directly to Beika Bay.

(From our Exchanges.)

London, Jan. 12.—The fortress of Nisch which had been besieged by a picked corps of 12,000 Russians with powerful siege train in addition to a Serbian force, capitulated yesterday, after several days' continuous fighting. The Serbian troops now occupy the fortress.

The stronghold of Antivari in defence of which the Turkish ironclad squadron has been employed, has made an unconditional surrender to the Montenegrins under Prince Nicholas.

London, Jan. 14.—The transport *Euphrates*, with the 6th Dragoons and six batteries of Artillery outward bound, and the *Jumna*, with the 2nd battalion of the 12th Regiment, homeward bound, have been detained at Malta by telegraphic orders from London. A telegram from Alexandria of to-day's date on the same subject states that the *Euphrates*, with the 6th Dragoons and six batteries of artillery, has been stopped at Port Said by a telegram from the Admiralty. It is expected that another troopship now passing the Canal homeward will also be stopped at Port Said.

London, Jan. 15.—Seray and Nanyk Pasha, invested with full powers, have started for Kessanlik to treat for an armistice with the Grand Duke Nicholas.

London, Jan. 15.—The Turks are bombarding Kuapatoria, Salts (i Yalta), and Th. odessa in the Crimea.

London, Jan. 16.—Advises from Constantinople state that a great battle was fought on the 14th instant, between Tartar Bazar-chik and Philippopolis and that the fighting was recommenced on the following morning. Suleiman Pasha's positions were afterwards close on to Philippopolis than before the battle.

London, Jan. 16.—Lord Derby is unwell. Meetings continue to be held in favour of England adhering to a policy of neutrality.

Prof. von Pawlett, M.P., has made a speech in which he attacked the Frontier policy of the Indian Government; and said that he intended moving for a Parliamentary Committee of enquiry into the subject.

The Russian headquarters have been transferred to Kessanlik.

London, Jan. 17.—Austria and England have informed Turkey and Russia that, while admitting an armistice, they will not recognise a separate peace contrary to the Treaty of Paris of 1856, without their assent. Greece is arming. An outbreak in Thessaly and Epirus is imminent.

OBITUARY.—General Cust, of the 18th Lancers.

A diplomatic communication from the French Foreign Minister states that the policy of the French Government on the Eastern question is one of political expediency, but that France could never remain indifferent to any change in the political geography of the Mediterranean littoral.

Mihab Pasha was called to London on the 1st instant, and it is believed that this was in connection with negotiations for the armistice.

A telegram from Cania in Orste states that a large number of Christian families attempted on the 1st January to enter Retimo, but that they were hindered by Turkish population, who maltreated them and shut the gates against them. The English vice-Consul was pursued by Turks, sword in hand. The troops remained inactive. No serious consequences resulted from the outrage.

The English ironclad *Rupert* has arrived at Retimo.

Sir Henry Elliott, lately British Ambassador at the Porte, has been appointed Ambassador at Vienna, replacing Sir Andrew Buchanan.

A Blue Book on the Eastern Question shows that the Earl of Derby all along inform d Turkey in a decided manner that there was no hope of British intervention.

Captain Andrew Scott, of the 14th Sikhs, receives the Victoria Cross, for his gallantry during the late *enroute* at Quetta.

## THE DEFENCE OF CONSTAN-

TINOPLE.

Reuter's telegram of the 26th inst. states that it has been resolved to defend Constantinople on the line of the Tchataldja, and, therefore, the following particulars, taken from the home papers, relating to this line of defence, as well as of Gallipoli, is of interest, when any moment may bring news of its investment.

The town of Buguk Cheekmadgee is situated on the Sea of Marmora, at about twenty miles distant from Constantinople. It lies at the point where a very shallow arm of the sea, which is indeed in many places merely a swamp, runs up into a lake which takes its name from the town. At ten miles inland from Buguk Cheekmadgee lies the town of Tchataldja. The lake does not extend for the whole of the distance, but the valley is a salt swamp, totally impracticable for the passage of troops.

Nature, with but slight assistance from military art, guards effectively this portion

of the line. From Tchataldja to the Fort of Kara Burnos, on the Black Sea, is thirteen miles. By the sea-shore runs a low bank, some half a mile wide, separating the waters of an inland lake from the Black Sea. This spit of shore could be swept by the guns of the fleet and would be impracticable for an advancing force. The lake itself covers another two miles of the face of the position, and thus there remain but ten miles between the lake and the town of Tchataldja by which an invading army could advance upon Constantinople. A valley through which runs a little river known in ancient times as the Bathyria defines the face of the position. Three roads cross this valley. The one follows the coast to the Sea of Marmora, passes through the town of Buguk Cheekmadgee, and thence across the swampy land south of the lake. This road is commanded by the guns of a fleet at anchor off the town, and may, therefore, be dismissed from consideration. There remain the road running through Tchataldja, a broad and well-made way; a country road through Kestenikoi, some four miles further to the north, and the line of the Adriatic railway, which passes between the line between Tchataldja and the Black Sea is naturally very strong.

The hills rise sharply, and a series of earthworks judiciously placed, and held by thirty thousand good troops, ought to be able to resist the efforts of the whole army of the Czar. It has been seen in Plevna, earthworks resolutely held, in these days of breechloaders, all but impregnable, and the position along the Cheekmadgee line is naturally vastly stronger than are those round Plevna. This position, lying as it does twenty miles from Constantinople, and enclosing a tract of country twenty miles from sea, to sea would afford ample space for the population, who would fall back from Romenia with their flocks and herds on the advance of the Russians, and Constantinople, open to the sea and to the Asiatic shore, would be free from any pressure of famine. The invader, therefore, would have none of the advantages which enabled the Germans to take Plevna. They could effect nothing, and the line of defence held by one hundred and fifty guns and thirty thousand good troops would be impregnable.

The position of Gallipoli is naturally even more strong than is that of Cheekmadgee. The long narrow peninsula which separates the Dardanelles from the Gulf of Saros is four miles across. General Mackinnon, in his *Strategic Tour in Bulgaria*, "considers that the most easily defensible point lies a few miles further up than the town of Gallipoli." The point which he indicates passes through the village of Plajar or Bulair. As the guns of the fleet in the Dardanelles and Gulf of Saros could cross fire over the whole line of defence, it is evident that comparatively weak works here will enable an army of fifteen thousand men to hold it against all comers.

The tongue of land fit enough to be seen from the decks of the vessels of the fleet, were field works would suffice; but the ground is high, and the approaches, as required, Gallipoli lies nearer to Adiaople than does Constantinople, and it will be absolutely necessary to defend this point as well as the capital, or the Russians arriving there will be able to command the Dardanelles, and although the guns they may be able to place in positions may not be considered formidable by ironclads, they will render the passage of the Dardanelles a dangerous process for merchant vessels.

The channel is tortuous, and winds from side to side of the Straits; therefore all vessels going up are obliged at one or two points to pass very close to the western shore. Moreover, if the Russians possess themselves of the promontory of Gallipoli, they will not be obliged to rely upon their field guns for the obstruction of the passage, for they can take in reverse and easily capture the Turkish forts built on the water edge for the command of the Straits, and in these will find Krupp guns of the very largest calibre, which will render the attempt to run the passage a most dangerous proceeding even for the thickest-plated of our ironclads. The defence of Gallipoli is, therefore, as essential as that of Constantinople.—*Straits Times*.

## THE TELEPHONE.

It is a matter of some surprise that there has been found no mechanical or engineering genius enterprising enough to construct a telephone in this place. This wonderful invention has been successfully introduced in Madras and Shanghai. In Madras, we read in the *Mail*, Mr. G. K. Winter, Telegraph Engineer to the Madras Railway Company, constructed two telephones from descriptions given in certain scientific publications and a night was fixed for forty-two miles, the connecting line being railway telegraph wires. The *Mail* describes the result of the experiment as follows:—

"After all was ready, and the telephone carefully placed to our ear, we heard a voice, seemingly that of some Lilliputian, 'disguised in liquor,' or suffering from a bronchial affection of a severe order, asking if we were 'all right,' to which, moving the instrument from ear to mouth, we replied that we were. Question and answer rapidly succeeded each other, and it was soon discovered that by pitching the voice in a high key and speaking slowly and distinctly, there was no difficulty whatever in hearing every word that was uttered. Songs were sung, and it seemed that the music rendered the words still more distinct, for, every word, tone, and modulation of the song 'Robin Adair' were perfectly plain, and on calling 'Adair' we were favoured with another verse. 'The baritone of the door' was so admirably rendered by a worthy 'coot,' that a 'brither,' who was listening at the other end, could not resist the influence of the music on his mind, and he also burst forth into song much to the delight of the first, who 'telephoned' his approbation by a hearty laugh, and ringing cheer. A violin was next brought into requisition, and by placing the telephone upon it, the tones played could be plainly heard. On a subsequent evening two telephones were at each end. One of these was specially adapted for speaking, the other for hearing, the former being well shaped at the larger end, while the latter was arranged so that the sounder could be placed quite close to the ear. However, both instruments could be used for either purpose, speaking or hearing, and by making use of the two, for some purpose, at one time, duets could be sung or played with admirable effect. 'Silver threads among the gold,' and several other songs by soprano and tenor voices and violin were effectively rendered.

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## Quotations.

HONGKONG, February 6, 1878.

OPIUM.—New Fatma, cash, \$5924 a 5074

Old Fatma, cash, None

New Benares, cash, 5634 a 5674

Old Benares, cash, None

New Malwa, cash, 695

Allowance, cash, 700

Old Malwa, cash, None

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QUICKSILVER, ... 64.50

SALT PETRE, ... 6.30 a 6.50

## Exchange.

Bank, on demand, ... 3/10

30 days sight, ... 3/10

6 months sight, ... 3/11

Credits, ... 3/11

Documentary, 6 months sight, ... 3/11

Bombay, demand Rupees, ... 223

Calcutta, ... 223

Shanghai, demand, ... 724

30 days, ... 724

Bar Silver, 17, dwt. B., ... 10 1/2

Sycee, ... 9

Mexicans, ... 1 p. c. pm.

Gold Leaf, ... 26.05

English Sovereigns, ... 5.04

Australian Sovereigns, ... 5.04

Discount, ... 5 to 7

## Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 50 p.



## Mails.

**NOTICE.**  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTES FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, AND  
MARSEILLES;  
ALSO,  
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CAL-  
CUTTA AND BOMBAY.

ON THURSDAY, the 7th February,  
1878, at Noon, the Company's  
S. S. *DELIZ*, Commandant BOUTIER,  
with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,  
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the  
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-  
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Cargo will be received on board until  
4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m.  
on the 6th February, 1878. (Parcels are  
not to be sent on board; they must be left  
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-  
quired.  
For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, January 26, 1878. 107



## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Ancona, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London.

## ALSO,

Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and  
Australia.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship  
*MONGOLIA*, Captain COLEMAN, will leave  
this on THURSDAY, the 14th February,  
at Noon.

Tea and General Cargo for London, will  
be conveyed via Bombay without tranship-  
ment, arriving one week later than by the  
direct route. Silk and Valuables will be  
transferred to the Calcutta steamer at Galle.

For further Particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, February 4, 1878. 104

Occidental & Oriental Steam-  
Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND  
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED  
STATES AND EUROPE,  
IN CONNECTION WITH THE  
CENTRAL

and  
UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING  
RAILROAD COMPANIES

and  
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *"BELGIO"* will be de-  
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-  
hama, on or about FRIDAY, the 1st March,  
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for  
Japan, the United States and Europe.  
Connection is made at Yokohama, with  
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until  
4 p.m. of the 28th Instant. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the Office  
until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages  
should be marked to address in full; value  
of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PAS-  
SAGE TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight  
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.  
Hongkong, February 1, 1878. 101

## U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *ALASKA*  
will be despatched for San Francisco,  
via Yokohama, on \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_  
at 5 p.m., taking Passengers, and  
Freight for Japan, the United States, and  
Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passage Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

A REDUCTION OF TWENTY PER  
CENT on regular rates is granted to  
OFFICERS OF THE ARMY AND NAVY,  
and MEMBERS OF THE CIVIL AND  
CONSULAR SERVICES IN COMMISS-  
ION.

Freight will be received on board until  
4 p.m. of the 28th Instant. PARCEL  
PACKAGES will be received at the office until 5 p.m.  
same day: all Parcel Packages should be  
marked to address in full; value of same  
is required.

Consular Invoices to accompany Overland  
Cargo should be sent to the Company's  
Office in Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the  
Collector of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 37, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents,  
Hongkong, February 5, 1878.

## Intimations.

**AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,**  
by appointment, to  
H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
Governor of Hongkong;  
and to  
H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA,

Wyndham Street, formerly ALEXANDER CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best  
collection of Views of China, Pho-  
tographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of  
assorted sizes. Ex S. S. *Tigre*, Revolving  
Standard Albums, Armorial Monograms  
and Postage Stamp Albums, Russia Leather,  
Velvet and carved-wood Albums, Cases and  
Frames, nice Albums for Cabinet Portraits  
only. Portraits of the Generals of the pre-  
sent Russo-Turkish War, eminent British  
Statesmen, the two Chinese Ambassadors,  
in Cabinet and Carte de Visite sizes  
Coloured Portraits of English Ladies.

Hongkong, August 24, 1877.

## ESTATE OF DODD &amp; Co.

AT the MEETING held on the 12th  
Instant at Messrs DODD & Co.'s  
OFFICES, the following RESOLUTIONS  
were carried:—

1. That the affairs of the said DODD  
& Co. shall be liquidated by arrangement,  
and not in Bankruptcy.
2. That FRANCIS CHOMLEY be, and he  
is hereby appointed Trustee.
3. That H. ABERNETHY and EDMUND  
PRY be, and they are hereby appointed a  
Committee of Inspection.

All PAYMENTS on account of the  
Estate, it is requested, will be Paid to the  
order of the Underigned.

F. CHOMLEY,  
Trustee for the Estate of  
DODD & Co.

Amoy, January 14, 1878.

OFFICE OF THE SHANGHAI STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
IN LIQUIDATION.

A SECOND RETURN of CAPITAL at  
the Rate of FIVE TAELS per  
SHARE will be made to Shareholders of  
record on the 1st October, Payable at the  
Office of the Liquidators, on the 8th Inst.

Warrants will be delivered by the Under-  
signed to Shareholders or their lawful  
representatives on presentation of Share  
Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 8th  
Instant, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Liquidators.

Shanghai, October 2, 1877.

## To Let.

## TO LET.

HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central,  
with Godowns attached.  
House No. 2, Peddar's Hill.  
House No. 2, Seymour Terrace.

DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.

Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

## TO LET.

THE Dwelling House and Offices No. 1,  
D'Agular Street, lately in the occupa-  
tion of Messrs DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.  
Three Offices, in Club Chambers.  
The Bungalow No. 1, Old Bailey Street.

Apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 6, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENCIES at all the Treaty Ports of  
China and Japan, and at Singapore,  
Salmon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance  
granted at the rates of Premium current at  
the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHLIN,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE on the extent of  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on  
Ovals in Matched, on Goods on board  
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-  
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be re-  
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors  
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on  
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single  
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-  
posals or any other information, apply to  
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1877.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY.

THE Underigned are prepared to grant  
Policies against FIRE on the extent of  
Buildings or on Goods stored therein,  
at current local rates, subject to a  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1878.

## Insurances.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSO-  
CIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000  
PERMANENT RESERVE.....230,000  
SPECIAL RESERVE FUND.....75,000  
Total Capital and accumula-  
tions this date.....Tls. 725,000

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.  
M. W. BOYD, Esq., C. KINGS, Esq.,  
M. P. EVANS, Esq., C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.  
London Bankers:  
Messrs. BARRING BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and  
the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to  
all parts of the World, at current  
rates.

Subject to a charge of 12% for interest  
on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS  
of the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be  
annually distributed among all Contribu-  
tors of Business in proportion to the  
premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877. 101

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(LIMITED.)

## NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on  
Marine Risks to all parts of the World.  
In accordance with the Company's Articles  
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits  
are distributed annually to Contributors,  
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion  
to the net amount of Premiums contributed  
by each, the remaining third being carried  
to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Underigned, Agents for the above  
Company, are prepared to grant In-  
surances at current rates.

MELCHERS & Co.,  
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

## NORTH BRITISH &amp; MERCANTILE

INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and  
Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1803.

CAPITAL £2,000,000.

THE Underigned, AGENTS at Hongkong  
for the above Company, are prepared  
to grant Policies against FIRE, to the  
extent of £10,000 on any Building, or  
on Merchandise in the same, at the  
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20  
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

## SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors:

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.  
PANG YIM, Merchant.  
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.  
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.  
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.  
CHEUNG SING YONG, Merchant.  
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted for  
Buildings and on Goods stored  
therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to  
Discount of 20% on the Premium.

OFFICE, 49, Bonham Strand.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877. an23

## THE LONDON ASSURANCE.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER  
of  
His Majesty King George The First,  
A. D. 1720.

THE Underigned having been appointed  
Agents for the above Corporation are  
prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—

Marine Department.  
Policies at current rates payable either  
here, in London or at the principal Ports  
of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.  
Policies issued for long or short periods at  
current rates. A discount of 20% allowed.

Life Department.  
Policies issued for sums not exceeding  
£5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE

COMPANY OF MANCHESTER  
AND LONDON.

THE Underigned have been appointed  
Agents for the above Company at  
Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai  
and Hankow, and are prepared to grant  
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.

Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

## Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusives of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at  
Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore K., and those in the body of the  
Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section. 1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.  
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.  
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.  
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.

Section. 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.  
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.  
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.  
8. From Pier to East Point.

F. Ashton	Brit.	str.	366	Jan.	27	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Haiphong	K'loon Dock
Drawes	Brit.	str.	876	Jan.	28	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	K'loon Dock
Scott	Brit.	str.	1271	Feb.	1	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Macaravish	Brit.	str.	1392	Feb.	6	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	S'pore, Calcutta, &c.	
Petersen	Ger.	str.	782	Jan.	28	Siemssen & Co.	Salmon	
Hernandez	Feh.	str.	2177	Feb.	1	Messageries Maritimes	Shanghai	Mails
Langley	Brit.	str.	1421	Jan.	21	Meyer & Co.	Australian Ports	Co'stan Dock
Remoja	Span.	str.	838	Jan.	29	J. Y. V. Shaw	Manila	K'loon Dock
Williams	Brit.	str.	1303	Feb.	2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	S'hai & Yokohama	9th, daylight
Cassandra	Brit.	str.	95	Oct.	2	Kwok Acheong		
Wm. Pustan & Co.	Ger.	str.	937	Feb.	5	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Wing Kee & Co.	Ger.	str.	685	Feb.	5	Wing Kee & Co.		
Siemssen & Co.	Ger.	str.	648	Feb.	3	Siemssen & Co.		
Kwong Lee Yuen	Brit.	str.	317	Jan.	26	Kwong Lee Yuen		
Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Feb.	str.	1286	Feb.	1	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		
Yuen Fat Hong	Brit.	str.	670	Jan.	28	Yuen Fat Hong		
Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Brit.	str.	864	Feb.	4	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Remedios & Co.	Span.	str.	202	Jan.	30	Remedios & Co.		
J. Y. V. Shaw	Jan.	str.	395	Jan.	17	J. Y. V. Shaw		
H. Kier & Co.	Brit.	str.	1243	Dec.	23	H. Kier & Co.		
Wm. Pustan & Co.	Brit.	str.	1024	Jan.	26	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Siemssen & Co.	Brit.	str.	333	Jan.	27	Siemssen & Co.		
Kwok Acheong	Brit.	str.	884	Feb.	3	Kwok Acheong		
Siemssen & Co.	Ger.	str.	1025	Feb.	3	Siemssen & Co.		
Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Brit.	str.	828	Feb.	1	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Remedios & Co.	Span.	str.	500	Oct.	30	Remedios & Co.		
H. Kier & Co.	Jan.	str.	1201	Jan.	29	H. Kier & Co.		
Insurance Company	Brit.	str.	48	Sept.	19	Insurance Company		
Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Brit.	str.	714	Dec.	21	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Messageries Maritimes	Feh.	str.	1007	Feb.	4	Messageries Maritimes		
Siemssen & Co.	Brit.	str.	1074	Feb.	1	Siemssen & Co.		
P. & O. S. N. Co.	Brit.	str.	1036	Jan.	29	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Butterfield & Swire	Brit.	str.	1324	Feb.	3	Butterfield & Swire		
Messageries Maritimes	Feb.	str.	1009	Feb.	4	Messageries Maritimes		
Wing Tung Hing	Brit.	str.	478	Feb.	1	Wing Tung Hing		
Kwok Acheong	Brit.	str.	289	Jan.	20	Kwok Acheong		
Melchers & Co.	Brit.	str.	1490	Jan.	18	Melchers & Co.		
Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	728	Jan.	16	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Rozario & Co.	Amer.	bqe.	842	Dec.	27	Rozario & Co.		
Chinese	Brit.	bqe.	1006	Feb.	1	Chinese		
Bateman & Co.	Amer.	sh.	1300	Jan.	28	Bateman & Co.		
Wielers & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	687	Sept.	6	Wielers & Co.		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	687	Nov.	14	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Feh.	bqe.	891	Nov.	14	Carlowitz & Co.		
Edward Schellhass & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	447	Jan.	7	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Chinese	Brit.	bqe.	752	Jan.	8	Chinese		
Russell & Co.	Amer.	sh.	1058	Dec.	4	Russell & Co.		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	592	Jan.	18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Amer.	bqe.	998	Nov.	26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Melchers & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	840	Nov.	25	Melchers & Co.		
Edward Schellhass & Co.	Ger.	sm.so.	341	Jan.	17	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Russell & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	394	Dec.	17	Russell & Co.		
Meyer & Co.	Brit.	sh.	1379	Oct.	26	Meyer & Co.		
Siemssen & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	598	Jan.	6	Siemssen & Co.		
P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amer.	sh.	1448	Jan.	28	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Chinese	Slam.	sh.	565	Feb.	4	Chinese		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Amer.	sh.	668	Oct.	24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Chinese	Ger.	bqe.	890	Jan.	1	Chinese		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Brit.	sh.	880	Dec.	24	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Insurance Co.	Amer.	sh.	150	Sept.	25	Insurance Co.		
Meyer & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	320	Jan.	31	Meyer & Co.		
Edward Schellhass & Co.	Feh.	bqe.	318	Jan.	7	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	889	Dec.	3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
P. & O. S. N. Co.	Brit.	bqe.	941	Jan.	22	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	798	Dec.	23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Feh.	bqe.	813	Jan.	12	Carlowitz & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	240	Jan.	13	Carlowitz & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	387	Nov.	18	Wieler & Co.		
Batles & Co.	Amer.	sh.	195	Jan.	19	Batles & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Ger.	sm.so.	236	Feb.	5	Wieler & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Ger.	sh.	838	Jan.	16	Carlowitz & Co.		
P. & O. S. N. Co.	Amer.	sh.	1508	Jan.	23	P. & O. S. N. Co.		
Wm. Pustan & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	315	Jan.	5	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
H. Kier & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	456	Dec.	2	H. Kier & Co.		
Chinese	Brit.	bqe.	473	Dec.	23	Chinese		
Meyer & Co.	Brit.	sh.	156	Dec.	22	Meyer & Co.		
Russell & Co.	Amer.	sh.	678	Aug.	19	Russell & Co.		
Meyer & Co.	Amer.	bqe.	573	Jan.	16	Meyer & Co.		
Wm. Pustan & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	453	Dec.	6	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	444	Feb.	4	Wieler & Co.		
Landstein & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	256	Feb.	4	Landstein & Co.		
Melchers & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	1000	Jan.	22	Melchers & Co.		
Chinese	Brit.	bqe.	373	Nov.	24	Chinese		
Landstein & Co.	Russ.	sh.	1965	Dec.	20	Landstein & Co.		
Siemssen & Co.	Ger.	sch.	270	Jan.	30	Siemssen & Co.		
Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	504	Dec.	31	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	874	Jan.	24	Douglas Lapraik & Co.		
Butterfield & Swire	Amer.	sm.so.	542	Dec.	18	Butterfield & Swire		
Rozario & Co.	Russ.	bqe.	600	Jan.	12	Rozario & Co.		
Siemssen & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	580	Dec.	3	Siemssen & Co.		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	892	Jan.	21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Meyer & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	817	Jan.	31	Meyer & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	428	Jan.	28	Wieler & Co.		
Olyphant & Co.	Brit.	sm.so.	237	Jan.	14	Olyphant & Co.		
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	473	Dec.	3	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Edward Schellhass & Co.	Amer.	sm.so.	484	Dec.	7	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Order	Span.	bqe.	273	Jan.	30	Order		
Gilman & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	167	Feb.	5	Gilman & Co.		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	920	Dec.	26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Adamson, Bell & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	635	Jan.	24	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	337	Jan.	6	Wieler & Co.		
Siemssen & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	392	Jan.	15	Siemssen & Co.		
Edward Schellhass & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	276	Dec.	17	Edward Schellhass & Co.		
Captain	Amer.	bqe.	626	Jan.	4	Captain		
Tek-mee Hop-kee	Slam.	bqe.	429	Jan.	6	Tek-mee Hop-kee		
Meyer & Co.	Brit.	sm.so.	204	Jan.	17	Meyer & Co.		
Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Amer.	sh.	1056	Feb.	3	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Feh.	bqe.	286	Nov.	26	Carlowitz & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Feh.	bqe.	388	Jan.	4	Carlowitz & Co.		
Carlowitz & Co.	Feh.	bqe.	387	Jan.	4	Carlowitz & Co.		
Russell & Co.	Amer.	sh.	1090	Sept.	5	Russell & Co.		
Melchers & Co.	Ger.	sh.	256	Jan.	11	Melchers & Co.		
Captain	Brit.	sh.	167	Jan.	24	Captain		
Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Ger.	bqe.	185	Jan.	23	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Ger.	sch.	60	Dec.	20	Wieler & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Ger.	sm.so.	219	Jan.	26	Wieler & Co.		
Wm. Pustan & Co.	S'pore.	bqe.	655	Jan.	5	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Wm. Pustan & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	910	Jan.	12	Wm. Pustan & Co.		
Wieler & Co.	Brit.	bqe.	910	Jan.	8	Wieler & Co.		
Order	Amer.	sh.	1099	Jan.	26	Order		
Thistle	Chi.	str.	734	Jan.	30	J. M. B. N. Co.	Shanghai	
Thistle	Brit.	str.	730	Feb.	4	Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	
Schulze	Brit.	str.	782	Feb.	4	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	